

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing metallic material having a chromium-oxide passivation film formed thereon, comprising the steps of:

depositing a coating material consisting of chromium
onto a metallic material with a surface roughness (Ra) of not
more than 1.5 μ m; and

applying a heat treatment to said chromium-coated
metallic material in an oxidizing atmosphere so as to form
~~metallic material having a chromium oxide a~~ passivation film
consisting of chromium oxide formed thereon on said metallic
material.

4. (canceled).

5. (new) The method according to claim 3, wherein
said oxidizing atmosphere comprises oxygen diluted by an inert
gas.